

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response the Office Action mailed on March 9, 2009.

Claims 1-338 are currently pending within the above-identified application.

No new matter has been added.

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable subject matter

Appreciation is expressed for the indication on page 5 that claims 77-104 contain allowable subject matter.

Interview Summary

Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview of January 5, 2009.

By this amendment, the claims have been amended in the manner believed to have been suggested by the Examiner during that telephone interview.

Oath or Declaration

Please hold the requirement for a new Oath/Declaration in abeyance until all art rejections are overcome.

At that stage, an appropriate response may be addressed if still deemed necessary by the Examiner.

Specification amendment

The amendment to the specification is provided hereinabove to correct typographical errors found within the substitute specification filed on November 21, 2005.

Claim rejection

While not conceding the propriety of the rejections and in order to advance the prosecution of the present application, the rejected claims have been amended.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Official Notice

There is no concession as to the veracity of Official Notice, if taken in any Office Action.

An affidavit or document should be provided in support of any Official Notice taken. 37 CFR 1.104(d)(2), MPEP § 2144.03. See also, *Ex parte Natale*, 11 USPQ2d 1222, 1227-1228 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1989)(failure to provide any objective evidence to support the challenged use of Official Notice constitutes clear and reversible error).

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees.

Fees-general authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees filed, asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm).

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

Conclusion

This response is believed to be a complete response to the Office Action.

Applicants reserve the right to set forth further arguments supporting the patentability of their claims, including the separate patentability of the dependent claims not explicitly addressed herein, in future papers.

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

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Respectfully submitted,

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